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SUBJECT: STATEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

REF: TUMMINIA/BLACKEN TELCON 9/9/77

1. PER YOUR REQUEST I HAVE PREPARED THE FOLLOWING DRAFT FOR YOU AND AMBASSADOR BURKE TO DRAW UPON IN PREPARING A STATEMENT FOR USE WHEN HE PRESENTS HIS CREDENTIAL TO PRESIDENT ARTHUR CHUNG. NOT KNOWING PRECISELY THE MESSAGE THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE AMBASSADOR WISH TO CONVEY HAS INDUCED ME TO BE RATHER VAGUE. HOWEVER, ANYTHING THAT CONVEYS AN ATTITUDE OF UNDERSTANDING, SYMPATHY, WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE IN GUYANA'S DEVELOPMENT, REFERENCE TO GUYANA'S BROADER INTERESTS IN COMBATING RACISM AND POVERTY AND RESPECT WILL MAKE A FAVORABLE IMPACT.

2. TEXT OF DRAFT STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

H.E. THE PRESIDENT MR. ARTHUR CHUNG. YOUR EXCELLENCY: IT IS AN HONOR TO PRESENT TO YOU THESE LETTERS OF CREDENCE SENT TO YOU BY PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER, APPOINTING ME LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE COOPERATIVE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA. I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO BRING GREETINGS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY, THE LEADERS AND OFFICIALS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT, AND TO THE PEOPLE OF GUYANA FROM THE PEOPLE OF MY COUNTRY. I ALSO BRING THEIR WISHES FOR THE PROSPERITY AND DEVELOPMENT OF GUYANA.

MY GOVERNMENT AND I ARE AWARE OF THE CREATIVE AND BOLD PROGRAMS YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTING TO DEVELOP YOUR COUNTRY AND BRING THE FRUITS OF THAT DEVELOPMENT TO ALL OF YOUR PEOPLE. WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO COOPERATE IN HELPING YOU ACHIEVE THESE NOBLE GOALS. THROUGHOUT THE WORLD IN RECENT YEARS WE HAVE SEEN MUCH CONFUSION, STRUGGLE AND DESPAIR IN HUMAN AFFAIRS. BUT, WE CAN DARE TO HOPE THAT IN SPITE OF THE PITFALLS AHEAD, THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD, WORKING TOGETHER, CAN CONTINUE TO ROLL BACK RACISM, CONTAIN THE ARMS RACE AND ATTACK POVERTY--THE MAIN ENEMY OF MANKIND-- WITH SOME CONFIDENCE THAT WE CAN HAVE A POSITIVE EFFECT. LET US WORK TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE THOSE GOALS.

AS I CARRY OUT MY DUTIES IN GUYANA I WILL SEEK
CLOSE AND CORDIAL ASSOCIATIONS WITH YOUR EXCELLENCY AND
THE OFFICIALS OF THE GUYANESE GOVERNMENT. I HOPE THAT YOU
WILL KEEP ME INFORMED OF YOUR ASPIRATIONS AND PROBLEMS
AND I PLEDGE TO DO THE SAME WITH RESPECT TO THOSE OF MY
COUNTRY. I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO AND MAKE GROW THE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, SYMPATHY
AND RESPECT THAT EXISTS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.
THE GUYANESE PEOPLE HAVE CHARACTERISTICS WHICH THE
PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES RESPECT AND ADMIRE. THESE
INCLUDE YOUR SELF-RELIANCE, CANDOR IN EXPRESSING YOUR
VIEWS, AND THE FAMOUS HOSPITALITY FOR WHICH YOU ARE
KNOWN. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO A MOST PLEASURABLE AND
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